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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

For quite some time now, I have been following the case against Microsoft filed by the DOJ. I am therefore quite familiar with the issues involved. Considering that this case has dragged on for over three years, spending an exorbitant amount of taxpayer dollars, I am very pleased that a settlement has finally been proposed. Though I strongly feel that the terms of the settlement are very harsh for Microsoft, I am willing to support this in the interest of putting this matter to bed.

Ending this lawsuit now is a very necessary action to help boost the sagging economy and revitalize the slowing innovations in the IT industry. In order to achieve the fastest close to this matter, Microsoft has agreed to terms that were not even found illegal in the lawsuit against them. They have also agreed to terms that have the distinct potential to limit their competitiveness. Microsoft agreements include the unprecedented move to share their internal Windows interfaces. Microsoft has also agreed to cease its more aggressive marketing practices.

This kind of settlement has obviously taken some time to draft and the terms of which should more than appease Microsoft's opponents. There is therefore no need to press this matter any further.

Sincerely,

Dale Beeman